

Mr. Speaker, once again please join me in congratulating Mr. Thomas Tighe for receiving the honor bestowed by the Plumbers & Pipefitters Local Union 9. Mr. Tighe continues to provide outstanding services to the members of the community and the constituents of my district.

IN HONOR OF THE HONORABLE
JOE CIMPERMAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Councilman Joe Cimperman for his significant contribution to the Cleveland community and to acknowledge his receipt of the 2011 Pan Award. Cleveland Public Theater's annual Pan Award recognizes individuals who have contributed significantly to the community.

Councilman Cimperman, a member of the Cleveland City Council since 1997, was born and raised in the St. Clair-Superior neighborhood where his family was active in the Slovenian community. Councilman Cimperman graduated from St. Ignatius High School and John Carroll University where he was Student Council President. During his time at John Carroll, Councilman Cimperman founded Project GOLD, a service organization dedicated to helping underprivileged families.

After graduating college, Councilman Cimperman worked in an AIDS Hospice in Baltimore, helped developmentally challenged adults in Portland, Maine, and worked at the Cleveland West Side Catholic Center. In 1997, Mr. Cimperman became a City Councilman for Cleveland's Third Ward. As a City Councilman, Mr. Cimperman works to foster economic development in his ward by promoting the growth of culture and the arts. He works to foster the arts by creating new green areas in the Third Ward, establishing live-work spaces for artists, and improving the retail environment along Euclid Avenue.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Councilman Cimperman for his service to the Cleveland community and his reception of the 2011 Pan Award. His dedication to improving the community is awe-inspiring. I wish him the best in all of his future endeavors.

REFLECTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 11

SPEECH OF

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 9, 2011

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Virginia, Mr. CANTOR for offering this resolution regarding the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and urge my Colleagues to pass it without delay.

For the families of the over 3,000 victims of the murderous attacks of September 11, 2001, every day is painful. This Sunday marks the tenth anniversary of the events that changed our Nation forever, as violent international extremists struck in the streets of Lower Manhat-

tan, the fields of Pennsylvania, and at the Pentagon.

In addition to making the collective pledge to join together to protect our communities, we should never forget that on September 11, 2001, we saw good rise in the face of evil, and heroes rise in the face of danger. Many ran into the face of danger to help others escape it.

When the day was over, and as we learned that 700 New Jerseyans lost their lives, we witnessed neighbors and friends consoling one another and watched as Americans from all walks of life stood united, side by side waving the Stars and Stripes, and lighting candles to honor those missing or lost.

As America rebounded, we responded to these acts of terrorism with the skill and spirit of our military and our intelligence community. The war we continue to fight abroad began without provocation and without warning. It was not a war of our choosing but it became our priority. It was the slaughter of innocents by people with a twisted sense of religion who play by no rules.

So many of our heroes currently fighting terrorism across the globe put their lives on hold on September 11, 2001, to join the National Guard and Reserve, serve our country, and defend our freedom. They serve side by side as we speak with the active duty military, all volunteers, all dedicated, all courageous, all Americans. We are grateful for their service and sacrifice, and that of their families, each and every day.

May God bless those who continue to defend our freedom, and may God continue to bless America.

I urge adoption of the resolution.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF PETER
WALKER ON THE OCCASION OF
RECEIVING THE ST. MADELEINE
SOPHIE AWARD

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Peter Walker, a 2011 recipient of the St. Madeleine Sophie Award. The Award is given by the Sacred Heart School Community in Atherton, California, to individuals who have made sustained and significant contributions to the Schools and embody the Goals and Criteria of a Sacred Heart education. Peter Walker's commitment to the mission of Sacred Heart education is an inspiration to everyone, and has earned him the prestigious St. Madeleine Sophie Award.

Peter Walker was born in Newton, Massachusetts, and received a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and English Literature from Boston College, a Masters in Education in Counseling Psychology, also from Boston College, and a Master of Divinity from Weston School of Theology. Peter has been at Sacred Heart since 1993, and prior to that was a campus minister at Stanford University.

As a teacher and Head of the Religious Studies Department at Sacred Heart, Peter Walker is devoted to his students and fellow faculty members, as well as being dedicated to their spiritual growth and meeting their needs every day.

Peter enjoys the arts, reading, golf and traveling. Paris is a favorite destination of Peter and Megan Walker and they return there whenever possible.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Peter Walker as he receives the St. Madeleine Sophie Award and to salute him for his tireless work on behalf of the Sacred Heart Schools community.

IN HONOR OF MRS. NORA
ROMANOFF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mrs. Nora Romanoff for her significant contribution to the Cleveland community and to acknowledge her receipt of the 2011 Pan Award. Cleveland Public Theater's annual Pan Award recognizes individuals who have contributed significantly to the community.

Mrs. Romanoff has been the Associate Director of ParkWorks for the past fifteen years where she works to revitalize neighborhoods by developing public spaces. Ms. Romanoff graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a B.A. in Urban Studies and from Cleveland State University with a Master's Degree in Urban Planning, Design and Development.

As Associate Director of ParkWorks, Mrs. Romanoff promotes both neighborhood and downtown revitalization. Through ParkWorks, she engages with grassroots constituents and civic leaders to support a variety of programs within the community such as urban beautification, reforestation, and environmental education. Through ParkWorks, she has collaborated with partners such as Downtown Cleveland Alliance, Neighborhood Progress, Inc., University Circle Inc., and Cleveland Public Art.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Mrs. Nora Romanoff for her service to the Cleveland community and her reception of the 2011 Pan Award. Her dedication to improving the community is nothing short of inspiring.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 699, 700, and 701, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

REFLECTIONS ON THE 10TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE SEPTEMBER
11TH TERRORIST ATTACKS ON
THE UNITED STATES

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, on the morning of September 11, 2001 is still vivid in my